



Minutes City Council's Transportation & Affordable Housing Committee November 20, 2006

Minutes of the City Council's Transportation & Affordable Housing Committee held on Monday, November 20, 2006, 3:00 p.m., in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Committee Members Present:

Councilmember Shana Ellis, Chair
Vice Mayor Hut Hutson

City Staff Present:

Tim Bulson, Police Dept. Traffic
Liz Chavez, Housing Services
Carlos de Leon, Deputy Public Works Mgr
Kathy Gasperich, Council Aide
Ray Hardy, Police Dept. Traffic
Gregg Kent, Light Rail
Glenn Kephart, Public Works Manager
Jayson Matthews, Tempe Comm Council
Amanda Nelson, Comm Outreach Marketing
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner
Chris Salomone, Community Dev Manager
Larry Schmalz, Prin. Planner/Downtown & Apache
Julie Stennerson, Executive Assistant
Mary Wade, Assistant City Attorney
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Dir

Guests Present:

Don Cassano, Transportation Comm
Carla Kahn, METRO
Zig Popko, Citizen
Erin Seibel, METRO
Arthur Tate, Tempe School Dist #3

Councilmember Shana Ellis called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

No Intro

Zig Popko, Tempe Citizen, expressed his concern with item #3, the Proposed Motorized Play Vehicle Ordinance. Mr. Popko lives north of the river and owns an electric powered bicycle. He would like to be able to use his electric bicycle to travel to the downtown area. The proposed ordinance prohibits use of bicycles with a foot deck to be used on sidewalks and/or on streets with a speed limit greater than twenty-five miles per hour. The bridges that connect North Tempe to the Downtown area will not enable him to use his electric bicycle if this new ordinance is approved with the proposed restrictions. Mr. Popko would like the Council to look closely at the definition of Electric Bicycle, or make an exception on the public roadways to allow motorized play vehicles to cross the bridges when there is no other means of getting across.

Agenda Item 2 – Affordable Housing Strategy

Chris Salomone reviewed the draft copy of the Affordable Housing Strategy Document. This document is meant to build upon *Housing a Community*, the City's overall planning guide for affordable housing. This draft strategy provides policies, strategies, and implementation tools to address affordable housing across a continuum of need; it also proposes new projects and programs which merit discussion and consideration.

Mission Statement – Support housing for low to moderate-income individuals and families that provides the greatest level of self-sufficiency, dignity, and independence. Invest in housing development that allows for maximum long-term affordability.

- Types of affordable housing – Owned, Rented, Special Needs
- In Tempe, affordable housing is provided through many forms.
- Most of the programs are federally funded.
- Strategies
 - Encourage housing for special needs
 - Increase resources available for creation/preservation of affordable housing
 - Maintain existing affordable housing stock
 - Increase homeownership rate in Tempe
 - Provide affordable work-force housing for home ownership opportunities
 - Provide opportunities to our current citizens
 - Create opportunities for low and very low income households to achieve permanent housing
- Projects and Programs
 - Density Bonus Program
 - In Lieu Fee Study
 - Tax Credit Affordable Housing Rental Project
 - Save the Family Units
 - Community Development Block Grant Program

DIRECTION: The Affordable Housing Strategy Document will be revised and brought back to the board in December. After review by the committee it will be presented to City Council at an Issue Review Session.

Agenda Item 3 – Proposed Motorized Play Vehicle Ordinance

Last month Tim Bulson reviewed the draft changes made to Ordinance No. 2006.28, amending Chapter 19 of the Tempe City Code, relating to Electric and Gas Powered Bicycles. Today he reviewed this information with a PowerPoint presentation.

- Definitions
- Application of Traffic Laws
- Prohibited Operation
- Operating Restrictions on Roadway
- Vendor/Dealer notification

Vice Mayor, Hut Hutson recommended a change in the ordinance under –

SEC 19-31. VENDOR/DEALER NOTIFICATION.

(A) ANY VENDOR OR DEALER WHO SELLS A MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLE, MOTORIZED ELECTRIC OR GAS POWERED BICYCLE OR TRICYCLE, OR A MOTORIZED SKATEBOARD IN THE CITY MUST DISPLAY AT THE PLACE OF SALE A COPY OF TEMPE CITY CODE, 19-1 THROUGH 19-30.

Vice Mayor, Hut Huston would like it to be mandatory to give a copy of the City Code sections pertaining to this ordinance to everyone that purchases a motorized play vehicle.

DIRECTION: Staff was directed to present this item to City Council for further input at the December 14th Issue Review Session. Mr. Popko was also encouraged to attend the IRS Meeting to express his perspective and needs.

Agenda Item 4 – LTR Community and Business Outreach Program

Amanda Nelson introduced Carla Kahn, Community Outreach Coordinator from METRO and Erin Seibel, Business Outreach Coordinator from METRO. Carla Kahn and Erin Seibel reviewed a PowerPoint presentation covering the LTR Community and Business Outreach Program. The following topics were covered:

- Minimize Impacts
- Community Outreach
- Business Outreach
- Construction Signage
- METRO Max
- METRO Max Card
- Community Advisory Board
- Communication Activities
- Advertising
- Construction Safety
- E Communication
- Town Lake Bridge – Grand Illumination December 9th

Agenda Item 5 – Work Plan

The Council Transportation and Affordable Housing Committee Work Plan 2006-07 was submitted to City Council at the November 2nd Issue Review Session. A few changes have been made and the new 2006-07 Work Plan was distributed.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

Affordable Housing Strategy (Chris Salamone)
Apache Boulevard Banners (Amanda Nelson)
ASU Car Share Program (Glenn Kephart)
School Zone Signage
Task Force on Disability Issues Report
Density Bonus Program (Larry Schmalz) – January or February


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Future Meeting Dates
Tuesday, December 19th at 1:00

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Connie Krosschell



Connie Krosschell
Acting City Clerk